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1. THE VIETNAM COUNCIL ON FOREIGN RELATIONS IS A PRIVATE ORGANIZATION BUT DOES RECEIVE SOME GVN FINANCIAL SUPPORT USUALLY FROM THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION TO HANDLE VISITS OF FOREIGN GUESTS. THE VIETNAMESE PRACTICE IN THIS REGARD IS COMPARABLE TO THE EUROPEAN PATTERN WHERE--UNLIKE IN TH US--SIMILAR ORGANIZATIONS FREQUENTLY RECEIVE SOME FORM OF GOVERNMENTAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

2. IN VIEW OF THE RULING OF THE CONGRESSIONAL ETHICS COMMITTEE AS OUTLINED IN PARA 30F REFTTEL THE MISSION RECOMMENDS THAT THE CONGRESSIONAL STAFFERS NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT THE INVITATION UNLESS THEIR TRAVEL, HOTEL EXPENSES AND PER DIEM CAN BE FINANCED BY THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES IN THE MANNER NORMALLY APPLICABLE

TO CONGRESSIONAL AND CONGRESSIONAL STAFF TRAVEL.
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